

Appl. No. 10/065,510
Response Dated March 21, 2005
Reply to Office Action of December 29, 2004

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 29, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, a favorable reconsideration based on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US Publication 20020145103 (hereinafter "Bernardini"). Claims 4, 5, 8, 13, 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bernardini in view of the publication to Kutulakos (hereinafter "Kutulakos"). Claims 2, 9, 11 and 15 were objected to but were deemed allowable if rewritten to be in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this amendment, claims 1, 7, 10 and 14 have been amended. Claims 2, 9, 11 and 15 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10, and 12-14 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

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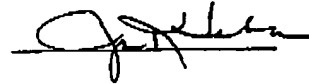
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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